

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 18, 2003

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Klemack at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer, a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Vaughn Radi Bob Hatley Maria Klemack Budd Eversman Bill Saxton

1. Mr. Saxton moved to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes

2. President Klemack recognized State Representative Larry Wolpert & Senator Steve Stivers, who presented the Mayor and the City with an Ohio Flag. Mr. Wolpert shared a little history by telling how John Eisemann, of Cleveland, Ohio, designed the flag and patented it. He then turned the patent over to the State. Rep. Wolpert explained that last year the Ohio Flag celebrated its 100th birthday. At that time, the Speaker of the House gave each Representative a Flag to give away in their district. Tonight, he gladly bestows on Grove City, his cloth flag. The Mayor then recognized Ben Faiella, a senior at Grove City High School, who has been accepted to West Point.
3. President Klemack recognized Mr. Marty Saperstein, Saperstein & Assoc., for his bi-annual survey conducted for the City. He reviewed the many different areas of the survey and the results, which are very similar to the 2000 Survey. A complete copy is available in the Clerks office for review.

Mr. Hatley asked whom the survey was talking about when it says City Officials. Mr. Saperstein said the interesting thing about this question is that it is less about the people who hold the office than about what they do. Mr. Hatley asked what the surveyor would say to someone they called if that person asked "who are these city officials". Mr. Saperstein said they would respond with "they are whoever you think they are". He said they never offer information beyond what's in the question. Mr. Hatley then asked about question 14, regarding the Community Guide. He said it is almost 50 - 50 on who has and hasn't seen this. He asked how we can interpret this and why this has dropped. Mr. Saperstein said he could only speculate. It may have something to do with the timing of when the question was asked relative to when they received the Guide. A closer look reveals that the method of delivery has changed. In 1998, the delivery was via the bag on the door. Now it is being delivered by bulk mail. He said you couldn't apply one method of delivery in an environment that is changing. In addition, more junk mail is being received by residents each year and it

may be getting lost in the shuffle. By using bulk mail, you never know if they are all making it to the designated homes. He recommends just before the next survey, dividing the delivery method between the direct mail and the door hanger. He also suggested that it might be that people are relying less on print sources and more on electronic sources. When you have more than 70% of your homes with Internet access, it makes you wonder if, in time, you wean people off paper and provide information over the Internet. Mr. Hatley suggested that the Internet be added to the question about "Where do you get your local news" next year. Mr. Saperstein stated that they do not give the categories. They simply ask the question, as stated. However, they could ask the question "Do you get local news from the Internet". Mr. Hatley stated that throughout the presentation Marty has said these figures are very strong. All of the comparisons are to ourselves. He asked if he had a comparison to other communities. Mr. Saperstein stated that they really don't have a good comparison, but he did say that the residents of Grove City only live here. So, if 80% of those folks are satisfied, you have to look at the values of the numbers. He said when you look at all the other satisfaction studies they do for communities and private businesses, you don't typically see levels of satisfaction this high. He feels comfortable that in almost any context, those numbers are high. Mr. Radi asked some questions about employment. Mr. Saperstein alluded to the economy for the difference. If, in two years, those numbers don't bounce back and the economy is up, then you will know that wasn't the problem. Mr. Eversman commented that he has heard the report from Mr. Saperstein for several surveys and does a very good job. He said the consistency is very important to see the trends and whether those trends are going high or low.

4. President Klemack read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair recognized Mr. Saxton, Chairman of the Lands & Zoning Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-05-03 (Approve the Plat for Grant Run Estates, Section 3, Part 1, located South and East of Borror Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Saxton noted that there was one stipulation for this Plat and asked Mr. Brian Lorenz, Dev. Dept., to explain. Mr. Lorenz stated that there is a bridge that needs construction from a previous plat. This stipulation confirms that the bridge will be done in this phase.

Mr. Doug Tailford, Joshua Homes, confirmed that they would construct the bridge with the first section in this phase. Mr. Hatley asked when the bridge would be completed. Mr. Tailford stated that their goal is to have the entire section done by August.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Saxton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

2. Ordinance C-10-03 (Accept the Annexation of 0.497 acres located at 4075 Hunting Creek Drive) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 3, 2003.

3. Ordinance C-11-03 (Accept the Annexation of 4.689 acres located at 2392 West London Groveport Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 03, 2003.
4. Ordinance C-12-03 (Approve the Special Use Permit for Grove City Tires located at 3160 Broadway) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 03, 2003.
5. Resolution CR-10-03 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a Sign for Management Recruiters located at 3880 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Fred Hollingsworth, agent for petitioner, was present. He stated that the stipulation has been satisfied and requested approval.

Mr. Saxton requested that he be allowed to abstain from voting, due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Eversman so moved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Eversman moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Abstain
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

6. Resolution CR-11-03 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a Sign for Relax Wellness Day Spa located at 3711 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Saxton reviewed the one stipulation set by Planning Commission, which Ms. Colony, petitioner agreed to.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Saxton moved it be approved; seconded by President Klemack.

Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Radi, Chairman of the Safety Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-06-03 (Amend Section 149.02 of the Codified Ordinances titled Director, Powers and Duties) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Blackburn, Service Director, explained that this is to bring the City into compliance with new NPDES regulations. He stated that there would be a couple of more requested changes to the Code for this same reason. Mr. Radi asked if he foresaw the need to do a study/survey like we did for storm water and storm sewer. Mr. Blackburn said he could foresee the City expending some dollars for this in the next several years. Mr. Behlen stated that any study would be done in areas that are undeveloped. Mr. Radi asked if we see this as helping with future development. Mr. Blackburn stated that there would be some requirements they will need to meet. Mr. Hatley asked if we would be doing this if it weren't mandated. Mr. Blackburn said yes, just not as quickly.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes

2. Ordinance C-13-03 (Amend Chapter 1101 of the Codified Ordinances titled Development Standards) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 03, 2003.

The Chair recognized Mr. Eversman, Chairman of the Service Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-07-03 (Amend Section 161.04(a) of the Codified Ordinances titled Holidays) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Eversman moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Hatley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-08-03 (Establish the LLEBG 2002 Fund and to Accept and Appropriate \$12,283.00 from Said Fund for the Current Expense of Safety Equipment) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hatley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes

2. Ordinance C-09-03 (Appropriate Outstanding Fund Balances and Certain Project Funds for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hatley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

There being no new business, the Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

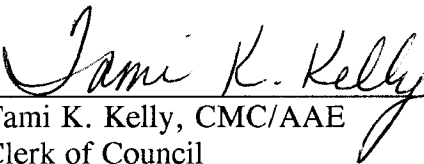
1. Mayor Grossman submitted some missing reports from the Mayor's Report and requested that Council accept them. President Klemack moved to accept these missing reports; seconded by Mr. Saxton.

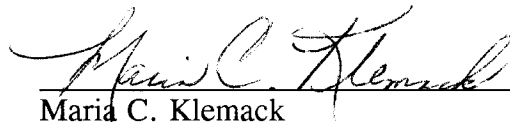
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

The Mayor and Council welcomed Representative Wolpert and Senator Stivers and thanked them for the flag. They commended the Service Department on the removal of the snow; congratulated Ben Faiella; and commented on the survey.

2. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AAE
Clerk of Council


Maria C. Klemack
President